the 10-day tour of some areas of Kerala by two Kuwaiti Sheikhs whose entry into India had been banned, if so, what are the findings thereof ;

(b) whether it is a fact that they were connected with the World Muslim Minority Community Organisation which has been found involved in finding conversions and other undesirable activities as reported in the Hindi Jansatta of 23 March, 1986 and the Indian Express of March, 23, 1986 ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of the Central Government's ban orders, two Muslim League Ministers and some officials of Kerala arranged their passage at Trivandrum airport, stay in government guest houses and their tour in State government cars ; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken against persons guilty in this regard and their number and what is the nature of offences committed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) According to the State Government of Kerala, two Kuwaiti nationals S/Shri Al Syed Yusaf Sayed Hashim Al Refai and Sheikh Anwar S. Ycoub Al Refai were granted landing permit by the Port Registration Officer, Trivandrum despite the fact that these persons were on the prior Approval Category of Government of India. The State Government have ordered a detailed enquiry into the matter and have placed the erring officials under suspension.

Disappearance of a AN-32 Aircraft over the Arabian Sea

328. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether one of the six brand new AN-32 aircrafts being flown from the Soviet Union disappeared mysteriously over the Arabian Sea off the Gujarat coast en route to Jamnagar on March 25, 1986, as reported in the Hindustan Times of March 30, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the giant Indian Air Force aircraft is the second to disappear within a week and in this case two other AN-32 aircraft were flying parallel to it on both sides and were in constant radio contact with each other;

(c) what precautionary measures were taken in this case after disappearance of the Kanishka in the air; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been made in the two cases; if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Another AN-32 aircraft was lost in the J&K area on March 22, 1986. The AN-32 aircraft lost over the Arabian Sea was one of three such aircraft being ferried from the Soviet Union. It was on the last leg of its ferry from Muscat to Jamnagar on 25th March, 1986. The three aircraft were not flying parallel to each other and were not in radio contact with each other. They took off from Muscat at 20 minute intervals.

(c) and (d) Courts of Inquiry have been ordered to investigate a aspects relevant to the possible causes for the loss of these aircraft, which are still in progress. As the missing aircraft or their crash sites have not yet been located, no clues to their disappearance are presently available